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REMARKS

As noted previously, the Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and requests reconsideration and further examination in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 10 and 12 are pending in the subject application. In the *non-final* Office Action mailed 21 February 2007, claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 11 were rejected on various statutory grounds, while claims 10 and 12 were allowed.

By the present amendment, claims 1-6, 8, 9 and 11 have been canceled (claim 7 was previously canceled), leaving claims 10 and 12 in the application. No new matter has been added.

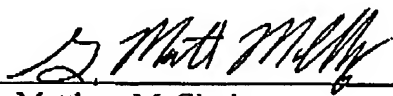
For the reasons stated above, the Applicant respectfully submits that all claims pending in the subject application are in condition for allowance and, further, requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued for the application.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1133. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any aspect of this application or this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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